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1. PER REFTTEL, THERE FOLLOWS VERBATIM TEXT OF NOON PRESS
BRIEFING AUGUST 9 ON FMS FOR BOLIVIA:

Q: IS THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING WITHHOLDING MILITARY
SALES CREDITS FOR BOLIVIA AS PART OF THE DISPLEASURE OVER
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ELECTION THERE?

A: AS I SAID OVER THE PHONE TO SOMEONE YESTERDAY, THE
QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR BOLIVIA IS
STILL UNDER REVIEW. I'M NOT IN POSITION TO COMMENT AT THIS
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TIME AS TO WHAT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THAT SERIES OF
PROGRAMS IS GOING TO BE.

THIS MORNING, HOWEVER, OUR REVIEW ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO
BOLIVIA WAS COMPLETED. WE HAVE NOW INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSY
IN BOLIVIA TO PROCEED ROUTINELY WITH SOME NEW ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, WHICH DIRECTLY MET THE NEEDS OF POOR

PEOPLE IN BOLIVIA.

Q. IS THIS DECISION THAT YOU ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THE RESULT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE NEW PRESIDENT THAT HE WILL CALL FOR ELECTIONS IN 1980, OR DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT?

A. I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT. I THINK WE HAVE ADDRESSED THAT QUESTION FROM THIS PODIUM BEFORE. I'D BE GLAD TO DIG THAT OUT FOR YOU, IF YOU WOULD LIKE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOTHING NEW TO SAY ABOUT THAT. VANCE

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